



The Arizona State Veteran Home Chatter

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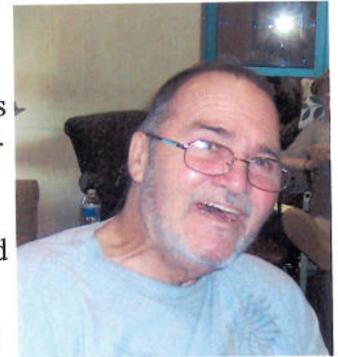
Veteran of the month

Please join me in congratulating Hurlyn “Butch” Yaw on achieving Resident of the Month! When asked why he preferred to go by “Butch”, his response was, “Because my first name is Hurlyn!” All kidding aside, Butch states that the day he was born, his paternal grandfather (also named Hurlyn) came to visit his parents at the hospital. Upon seeing the name of his new grandchild, he demanded: “Why on earth would you name him *Hurlyn*? I **told** you not to do that to the boy!” From that moment, at less than a day old, his grandfather decided they would call him “Butch” - and they always have.

Butch was born and raised in Indiana. He lived there until he moved to Tempe to attend Arizona State University on a full football scholarship. Unfortunately, after his first year in college, Butch broke his ankle and was unable to play football any longer. He decided to take some time off from school and spent the summer on Long Beach in California. In the fall of 1960, he joined the Marines. As he tells it, the Marine doctor took one look at his ankle, said “Looks fine to me!” and placed him on active duty. Throughout his years of service, Butch was able to see many places around the world. He “did a lot of time in Nam” as well as Australia, the Philippines, Okinawa, Taiwan, and Africa. After over nine years in the Marines, Butch returned to Tempe and completed his degree in Education at Arizona State University. Life had come full circle.

After spending time as a teacher at an elementary school in Phoenix, Butch met Linda. They were married on August 12, 1972 and have two children and three grandchildren. Linda, and the two youngest grandchildren, visit often, and are always happily received by Grandpa Butch.

To relax, Butch loves to fish and every weekend reads the newspaper “front to back”, including the obituaries, which he says he reads to “see if I’m in there!” His favorite food is pizza with everything, except anchovies, on it! While he has done so many interesting things in his life including parachuting and swimming in the ocean – with sharks! – Butch considers his greatest accomplishment being married 38 ½ years. We agree and are so happy that we can be a small part of his exciting and full life.



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Volunteers Corner

Cheers for Volunteers!

April 13, 2011 falls right in the middle of National Volunteer Appreciation Week and we want to celebrate with a Beach Party! All Volunteers are invited as we honor YOU, the Volunteers of the Arizona State Veterans Home, for your support, service, and dedication to our Veterans!

Who? YOU!

When? Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 2:15 pm.

Where? ASVH, D2 Dining Room

What? Volunteer Appreciation Beach Party

Why? To thank YOU and Honor YOU!

The afternoon will include delicious food, tasty beverages, great music, prizes, Special Awards, and a whole lotta fun!

Note: Staff and Residents are welcome to attend and help honor our ASVH Volunteers!

Activities / Events

- 4/3 Sensory Group (C2) 8:30 am / Catholic Mass (VAMC) 11:00 am / Protestant Services (D1) 11:00 am
- Ice Cream Social (D2) 2:15 pm / LDS Services (TR) 4:00 pm
- 4/4 Coffeehouse: Dick Moore 10:00 am (D2) / Sun City Elks Bingo (D2) 2:15 pm
- 4/11 American Legion Sing Along 10:00 am (D2) / Phoenix Elks Bingo (D2) 2:15 pm
- 4/13 Cooking Group (D1) 11:00 am / Volunteer Appreciation Day!!!! (D2) 2:15 pm
- 4/15 Concert: Dave Swaim (D2) 10:45 am / **Fish Fry: Phx W.Elks 3:30 pm**
- 4/16 Two-Card Bingo (D2) 10:00 am / BBQ Lunch w/ VFW Fountain Hills & Korean War Vets 11:30 am
- 4/19 Outing: Apache Junction 8:30 am / Craftworks! (D2)10:00 am / Game Shows (D2) 2:15 pm
- 4/22 Concert: Harold Riffer (D2) 10:45 am / Concert: Jay Farris (D1) 11:30 am / Good Friday/Earth Day
- 4/23 D1 Bingo (D1)10:00 am / Cooties Pup Tent #14 Visit 11:00 am / Pokeeno (D2) 2:15 pm
- 4/24 Catholic Mass (VAMC) 11:00 am / Movie: Easter Parade (D2) 2:15 pm **Happy Easter!!!**
- 4/25 Phoenix Art Museum Slide Show (LH) 10:15 am / Songwriting Group (C2) 11:15 am Phoenix Elks Bingo (D2) 2:15 pm
- 4/26 Quarterly Memorial (D2) 10:00 am / Literature Group (D2) 2:15 pm
- 4/27 Cooking Group (D1) 11:00 am / Monthly Birthday Party w/ JJ & Sherry (D2) 2:15 pm
- 4/29 Breakfast Club & Shopping at VA Canteen 8:00 am / Happy Hour (D2) 2:15 pm

Please see each units calendar for a more detailed calendar of events!

Wish List

- Covered Coffee Cups with Lids and Handles
- Coupon Books from the VA Canteen (to give as prizes)
- Non-skid slippers or slip-on shoes
- New clothes, size M-XL
- Electric razors (new, for sanitation reasons)
- Headphones for TVs (for our hearing impaired residents)
- 8x10 picture frames with plexiglass fronts
- Karaoke CD's
- Diet Soda for our Happy Hour

Larger ticket items:

Karaoke Machine

Yamaha Clavinova Piano

Canopy for D1 patio

Misting system for D1 patio

IN2L computers

Donations earmarked to start a Namaste program (a sensory program for our veterans with dementia).

Other options:

Sponsor a special event, bring in an entertainer or performer

Sponsor a meal for either the entire home (180), or a single wing (50 beds)

Donate money to our bingo fund (it costs about \$40 every game and the vets love bingo!)

Veterans' / Members Birthdays

George E Pennington	04/01		Lawrence B Smith	04/15
Elden W Staley	04/01		Gerald E Brazil	04/17
Ralph W Volkmann	04/02		Regina M Bigelow	04/18
David D Oakey	04/02		Larry R Fuller	04/19
Karl W Tonnell	04/05		Edward J OHara	04/20
Bette Lambright	04/06		William H Cottrell Jr.	04/21
Opal F Thompson	04/07		Clarence J Blake	04/22
Dwight E Hilan	04/08		Leslie Epperson	04/25
Clyde G Cralley	04/14		Odd S Simonsen	04/27
Theresa R Lavoie	04/15		Walter A Schmedtje	04/30

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